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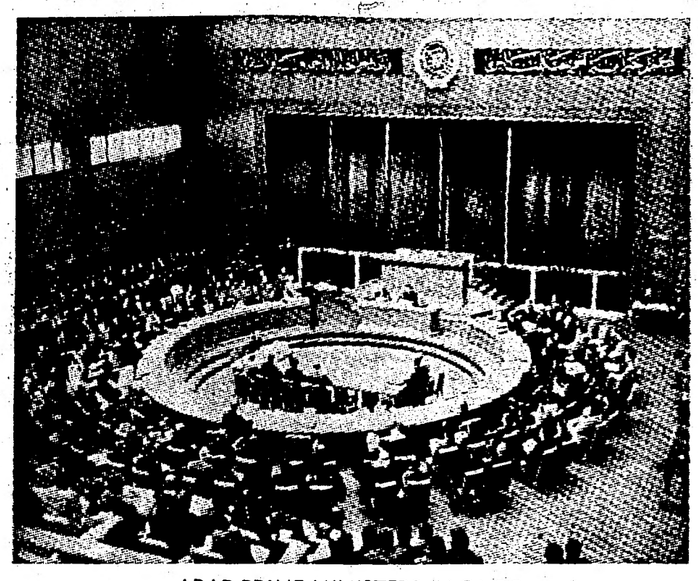
PARIS WARNS LEBANON:

DON'T PLAY WITH FIRE

PARIS (JCNS) — The Lebanese Government has been advised to avoid any action which might involve Lebanon in a dangerous conflict with Israel over the River Jordan waters, the JCNS correspondent was told by reliable French sources. They added that the same advice would be given by President de Gaulle to President Charles Helou when the latter is received at the Elysee Palace on May 5.

This warning means in fact that Lebanon will have to give up hope of any direct French intervention in her favour, should her action in trying to divert the tributaries of the River Jordan bring her in military conflict with Israel, these sources said.

On the other hand, they added, France was not likely to exert any pressure on Lebanon to induce her to give up her present plans for the diversion of the two sources of the River Jordan on her territory.



ARAB PRIME MINISTERS IN CAIRO EMERGENCY MEETING

LE MONDE: NO DE GAULLE-NASSER MEET

PARIS (JCNS) — Although a meeting between President de Gaulle and President Nasser has been agreed on in principle, it is unlikely to take place this year, writes the French daily "Le Monde".

Reviewing the progressive improvement in the relations between France and Egypt, the paper says that President de Gaulle has given instructions to exclude military matters from Franco-Israeli atomic co-operation. This, together with other developments, has persuaded the Egyptians that relations between Paris and Cairo are evolving in the direction desired by Cairo.

French arms shipments to Israel, added the paper, were mentioned in talks between M Couve de Murville, the French Foreign Minister, and Mr. Hussein Fawzi, his Egyptian counterpart, as well as between M Edgar Faure, the former French Premier, and President Nasser during M. Faure's visit to Cairo last month.

The Egyptians are said to have protested against the sale of French supersonic fighters and the talks on possible supplies of missiles to Israel. They stopped raising the issue, however, after the French replied that this was exclusively a matter between France and Israel.

Egyptian observers, the paper went on, were convinced that the desired evolution of relations with France is on its way and they point in this connection, to the recent French vote at the United Nations in favour of the Arab refugees, to President de Gaulle's instructions on atomic research with Israel, and to efforts by the Quai d'Orsay to render the relations between Paris and Jerusalem more discreet.

Meanwhile, an important delegation of French industrialists is preparing to leave for Cairo. But French short-term credit proposals will not help boost the already very low economic relations between the two countries.

French exports to Egypt, says "Le Monde", have constantly decreased, while Israel now buys from France five times more than Egypt.

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

ARABS & JEWS

I'm always careful to make the distinction between Arab dictators who thrive on demagoguery and verbal belligerence and the simple, ordinary Arab folk. Never have I believed that all Arabs are opposed to Jews or even averse to Israel, nor do I despair of an entente between the Jewish people and the Arab nations.

No one, twenty years ago, would have dreamed of an alliance between France and Germany, the historic enemies. Without a doubt the least conceivable conjecture would have been an agreement between a German government and the man who rose against Germany — Charles De Gaulle.

Yet, in relations between nation and nation, as in the rapport between man and man, there is no eternal enmity. Mistrust, hatred are caused by circumstances and events. Thus, since these vary, sentiments alter.

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From personal observation of Arabs in North African countries and the Middle East, I can say that I never noticed this deep-rooted, anti-Jewish feeling which allegedly transcends all of the Arab world—according to dictators like Nasser and Ben Bella. In fact, the now relegated President Naguib whom Nasser liquidated politically—the Kerensky of Egypt—the man who actually effected the revolution against King Farouk, was considering seriously peace with Israel; he even studied Hebrew in order to come close to Jewish thinking and Zionist aspirations. He genuinely hoped for Middle East peace.

In Algeria I discovered many Arab nationalists who appreciated the friendship of Jews and Zionists. Even today, despite Ben Bella's bloody rule, people in North Africa still remember that it was "the Zionist" French Premier, Pierre Mendès-France, who liberated Tunisia and openly promoted the idea of independence for the Arabs in North Africa.

Until the hatchet of Ben Bella fell upon the last independent man-of-spirit in Algeria recently, dissenting voices about his anti-Israel tirades were heard not infrequently. More than that, Algerian political refugees in France still continue to protest against Ben Bella's chauvinism and exploitation of anti-Zionism to further his political career.

Of course, it would be self-deceptive to ignore the fact that adventurers among Arab rulers constantly and consistently are making the most of the imaginary scarecrow of "Zionist Imperialism" which is all but ready to deprive the Arabs of their freedom and independence. However, despite terror, notwithstanding fear, there are sensible Arabs — from Iraq in the East to Rabat in the West — who know that, for the next hundred years, the one opportunity for the Arabs truly to grow and become again the intellectual and economic power is through an alliance with the Jews who belong in the Middle East.

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This conviction of mine was justified when I read last week the courageous editorial by Bechir Ben Yamed, editor in-chief of the Arab nationalist Tunis magazine, Jeune Afrique, advocating a federation between Israel and the Arab states in the Middle East. I was profoundly moved by his appeal to hasten the day when "Jews and Arabs will not be separated by barbed wire, flags or words, but be united in human brotherhood and by the exulting tasks of progress and development."

Ben Yamed is certain that Israel is not an imperialist nation. (Which empire does Israel envisage to create?) For, he says, Israel is a "Refugee Home".

One can appreciate such courage only upon realizing how Arab demagogues will gang up on the editor as a result of this kind of writing.

Yet, no matter what happens, it is not possible that Ben Yamed would dare utter these words if he felt completely isolated and alone in his thinking.

In addition to the official yes-men intelligentsia working for the dictators, there must be another class of Arab intellectuals who think and feel and long for peace. They are the true Arab patriots.

French Literary Prize For Singer

PARIS (JCNS) — A prize for the best book in a foreign language published in France in 1964 was awarded this week to Isaac Bashevis Singer, for his novel "Le Magicien de Lublin" (The Magician of Lublin). The French translation is by Mme Jeanne Berner. The novel recalls events in Poland in the 17th century.

Washington Acts In Crisis

ASKS USSR NOT TO PROVOKE THE ARABS

U.S.A. FOR ARMING ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., (CJN)—The United States is reported to have notified the Soviet Union that, in the interest of the present detente between Washington and Moscow, it would be advisable for the USSR to stop playing the Nasser card against Israel. The administration told the Russians very bluntly that it is committed to the defence of Israel and to the support of the Jewish state.

This information was obtained by The Canadian Jewish News from most reliable diplomatic sources here, at the United Nations.

On Saturday, the U.S. intentionally released the information that Washington had given secret approval to the Bonn government, and to other U.S. allies in Europe, to transfer American arms to the Jewish state. The U.S. kept this permission to West Germany secret until last week when the Communist world tried to play up the forthcoming visit of Walter Ulbricht, East Germany's leader, against Bonn, in open support of Nasser's tactics against West Germany's Eighty Million Arms delivery to Israel, The Canadian Jewish News was told.

When this happened, the United States stepped in, telling the world officially that this Bonn deal was approved by the United States and that Washington—not Bonn—will take full responsibility for it.

Diplomatic circles here also noted the fact that the recent toughening of the U.S. policy vis-à-vis Nasser has resulted, as the Israelis predicted, not in a Nasserite campaign against Washington but quite to the contrary — in a complete reversal of Cairo's "jump in the lake" statement of a month ago. Now, despite Washington's open espousal of Israel's cause, Cairo has renewed old-fashioned diplomatic strategy vis-à-vis Washington. The U.S. Congress' reluctance to continue economic aid to Cairo, instead of giving vent to a new anti-American outburst in the press, induced the Egyptian press to defend Johnson and to "explain" the anti-Nasser House vote as "an alliance between pro-Israel elements and Republicans in Congress".

In the meantime, in Bonn, a debate is going on whether to cut off diplomatic relations with Cairo in case Ulbricht is given a state reception and thus official recognition in the United Arab Republic. The Social-Democratic opposition demands full diplomatic recognition of Israel in order to call the Nasser bluff. Now that the United States has openly taken the part of Israel in the Middle East arms race, Cairo will not dare provoke the West and Israel, some German leaders said.

UNITED NATIONS DECLARES THAT KASHRUT OBSERVANCE IS ONE OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS

GENEVA (JCNS) — Freedom to observe religious rituals and dietary and other laws connected with religious observance form part of a draft convention on the elimination of religious tolerance adopted by the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities on Tuesday.

Only the Soviet Union, Poland and Mexico abstained in the voting on the draft, which was approved by 11 votes with none against. It now goes to the Human Rights Commission for further deliberation. The convention defines discrimination as "any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on religious belief which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise of the rights proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

Proclamation of the right to observe dietary and other practices also includes the right to "produce or if necessary to import the objects, foods and other articles and facilities customarily used." The convention upholds "freedom to make pilgrimages inside or outside a country and freedom to take part in international associations."

This section clearly has a direct bearing on the position of Soviet Jewry both in regard to their right to secure matzot for the observance of Passover as well as to obtain prayer books. Almost alone of the various religious groups in the Soviet Union, Jewry, as a religion, is forbidden to take part in international religious associations.

One article strenuously opposed by the Soviet Union requires States to respect the prior rights of parents or legal guardians to decide the religion of their children. If a child has a sufficient degree of understanding, his wishes should also be considered. The Soviet delegate introduced a separate draft, which was defeated, giving the child the determining right.

The convention declares that incitement to hatred or to acts of violence are to be considered an offence punishable by law and that all propaganda designed to foster it shall be condemned. The draft specifies that the expression "religion or belief" in its articles should be read to include "theistic, non-theistic and atheistic beliefs."

SPECIAL SHABBAT HORSE AND CARRIAGE FOR SHAZAR; BUT HE HAD TO REFUSE

By DAVID SAUL
Jerusalem Post Service

LONDON — Preceded by the colourfully-robed President of Zambia and followed by the towering, uniformed figure of President de Gaulle, Israeli president Zalman Shazar walked side-by-side through St. Paul's Cathedral with the President of Iceland in a slow-moving procession of Kings and Presidents at the funeral service for Sir Winston Churchill.

While the world's leaders had gone to the Cathedral in a motorcade from St. James' Palace and Buckingham Palace, Mr. Shazar with David Ben-Gurion and the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Arthur Lourie, frock-coated and with top hats, walked the two kilometres from the Savoy Hotel to St. Paul's in near-zero temperatures, because of the Sabbath.

Following the service, Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Lourie were together with many other foreign mourners, the luncheon guests of the new Foreign Secretary, Mr. Michael Stewart, at Lancaster House.

Mr. Shazar had been invited by the Queen to lunch at Buckingham Palace, together with the other kings and presidents. But he regretfully had to decline owing to the walking distance involved.

Mr. Shazar told newsmen he had written to the Queen explaining that he was unable to accept her luncheon invitation because the Sabbath prevented his driving to the Palace. Her Lord-in-Waiting had been distressed and offered to send a horse and carriage if this would help.

The President related how, on his way to St. Paul's Jewish shopkeepers emerged wishing him "good shabbos", while, when returning, a group of Israel students greeted him with "Shabbat Shalom".

KURDS PROTEST ARAB OPPRESSION

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Gen. Mustafa al-Barzani, leader of the Kurdish revolutionary movement in northern Iraq, has appealed to "friendly countries" and the United Nations "to prevent another war and to resolve our national question peacefully and justly."

A spokesman for General Barzani asserted in an interview that " it was very, very possible, even probable, that the Iraqi Government will resume the war against the Kurds."

In a statement distributed here by a representative, General Barzani said that a series of local engagements "provoked by Government military forces" had created an atmosphere "similar to the one that preceded the Baathist aggression of June, 1963."

At that time, the Arab Government of Irak set out to crush Kurdish nationalism.

He complained that Arab tribes continued to occupy Kurdish villages and oilfields. In addition to those displaced by the Baathists, he said, the present Government is driving Kurdish peasants from their villages in the region of Doubs, near Kirkuk and elsewhere.

NEW TOWN RISES IN ISRAEL

HAIFA (JCNS) — Mr. Joseph Almogi, the Israeli Minister of Development and Housing, has announced plans for a new town in Western Galilee with a population of 50,000.

It was intended, he said, to amalgamate the development town of Ma'alot and the mixed Arab-Jewish town of Tarshiha into one city. The two towns, with a total population of 13,000, are now separated by a mile-wide area of empty ground.

Mr. Almogi also announced that provision would be made this year for the construction of permanent homes for the last 1,500 families still living in ma'abarot (transit camps). The new building restrictions would not, in any way, interfere with immigrant housing or development of new localities, he said.

THREE MILLION BY 1970

Tel Aviv, (JCNS) Israel's population should reach three million by 1970 if the present rate of immigration and natural increase continue, Mr. S. Z. Shragai, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, declared here last week. He said he expected 250,000 immigrants within the coming four years, the same number as in the past four years.

Of this quarter million, 100,000 were under 18 and a further 60,000 aged between 18 and 39. Some 30,000 people came from more or less prosperous countries in that period, Mr. Shragai reported. He noted that in the past five or six years many ultra-Orthodox Jews had come from the U.S.A. because they were convinced that their children would drift away from Judaism if they remained there.

TORONTO COMMUNITY DRIVE FOR BETH JACOB HIGH SCHOOL

A community drive to raise $250,000 for the erection of the new Beth Jacob High School building has been launched this week by a special campaign committee including oustanding leaders of Toronto's Orthodox Jewish community. The goal is expected to be attained by March 23rd when a special dinner to conclude this drive will take place.

The Canadian Jewish News learned that substantial subscriptions already have been received by Beth Jacob, which is encouraging.

Campaign leaders are most optimistic about the outcome, as the Beth Jacob High School for Girls has become very popular in its relatively short period of existence.

A large number of girls receive their secular and Jewish education in this unique high school. Many more will be admitted when the new modern structure, complete with library and home rooms, opens.

GOOD NEWS FOR TOURISTS

Tel Aviv, (JCNS) — Customs inspection of tourists' baggage should now be quicker, Lydda Airport authorities have announced. Separate lines have been introduced for tourists and Israelis returning home. The Israelis usually bring in more dutiable goods, they said.

BEERSHEBA MAYOR HERE — The Hon. Eliahu Navi, young and dapper head of Beersheba, one of the oldest and fastest growing cities in the Middle East, who will be the guest of Toronto's Israel Histadrut Campaign.
Mr. Navi will address a festive Melava Malka under the sponsorship of the Farband-Histadrut Committe this coming Saturday evening, 8:30 p.m., at the Labor Zionist Center, Viewmount Avenue.

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Toronto's Guest

Mayor Navi To Speak Here

Mayor Eliahu Navi of Beersheba, Israel, an Iraqi-born soldier, lawyer, scholar and judge who is an expert on Arab affairs, will be the guest speaker of Toronto's Histadrut and Farband at a festive Melava Malka this Saturday night, February 6th, at Toronto's Labor Zionist Centre.

Baruch Lumet, the famous Yiddish star of theatre and television will participate in the Melava Malka and appear in a specially prepared program.

Guest speaker Eliahu Navi of Beersheba is one of the younger generation of Jews from the Oriental countries who is taking a leading part in the life of modern Israel. Born in Iraq in 1920, Mr. Navi came to Palestine at the age of five. He received a traditional Hebrew education, and pursued his higher education in two fields: Islam (the Arabs and the Middle East) and Law.

Prior to Israel's War of Independence in 1948, Mr. Navi served as secretary to Chief Rabbi Uziel. He was also secretary to the noted Orientalist Yitzhak Benjamin Yehuda, and conducted courses for Mukhtars (village heads) in the Negev.

On the executive committee of the General Organization of Jewish Watchmen in Israel he served as secretary of the group and was a constant companion of the legendary Abraham Shapira, who resolved many Jewish-Arab disputes.

On the eve of Israel's independence, Mr. Navi helped found the Arab language radio station of the Hagana and conducted weekly broadcasts in Arabic from February 1948 to the end of 1957. During the war of Independence, he was an officer in a Druze unit of the Israel army. He was discharged from the army in 1954 with the rank of major. From 1954 to 1957, Mr. Navi practiced law in Tel Aviv and Beersheba, and appeared in cases before the Moslem religious courts. He is an expert on Bedouin life and laws.

In 1957 Mr. Navi was oppointed judge in Beersheba, the first such post in the Negev. In 1963 he was elected Mayor of Beersheba, on the Mapai ticket.

The Mayor of Beersheba, Eliahu Navi, will be the guest of the Israel Histadrut Campaign at a M'lave Malke, this Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m. The M'lave Malke is under the sponsorship of the Farband Histadrut Committee, which asks all its canvassers to make a special effort to complete their cards and bring them to the affair.

All Histadrut canvassers and friends of Histadrut are invited.

Monday evening, February 8th, 8:30 p.m., Mayor Navi will be the guest speaker at a meeting in Toronto's Labour Lyceum, under the sponsorship of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union.

Dr. Murray L. Simon, newly elected president of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Dr. Nathan N. Levinne, newly elected chairman, board of governors, Beth Tzedec Congregation.

TORONTONIANS IN BIBLE CONTEST

The sixth annual Bible Contest, sponsored by the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Bible Society, will have its regional finals in Toronto on Sunday, March 28th.

The competition in Toronto is administered by the Bureau of Jewish Education and co-sponsored by B'nai B'rith Leonard Mayzel Ontario Lodge 1800 which is providing a fund for awards to the local winners and is helping to send Toronto representatives to the national contest in New York, scheduled for May 2nd.

The contest contains three divisions: Advanced Hebrew, open to students of Hebrew Day Schools; Intermediate Hebrew for students enrolled in afternoon Hebrew schools; Comprehensive English for students who study the Bible in English.

On the Bible committee are: Rabbi Joseph Lookstein; Dr. A. Eisenberg; Dr. S. B. Freehoff; Dr. S. Greenberg; Dr. W. Chomsky; Prof. W. F. Albright; Prof. H. L. Ginsberg; Prof. S. B. Hoenig; Prof. H. M. Orlinsky; D. S. M. Blumenfield; Dr. H. Gevaryahu.

The following Toronto Jewish schools will participate in the Toronto regional competition: Advanced Hebrew Division — Beth Tzedec Congregational School (Joseph Klinger, administrator), Eitz Chaim Day High School (Rabbi S. Jacobovits, principal), Toronto Hebrew Day High School (Mr. Jack Burke, principal); Intermediate Hebrew Division — Adath Israel Congregational School (Mr. Pesach Schindler, educational director), Associated Central Evening High School (Mr. David Taube, principal), Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Talmud Torah (Associated, Mr. Samuel Frankel, principal), Beth Sholom Mildred Arnoff Memorial School (Mr. Azriel Karney, principal), Holy Blossom Religious School (Mr. Heinz Warschauer, educational director); Comprehensive English Division — Beth Am Congregational School (Dr. S. Rosenblum, principal), Beth El Congregational School (Mr. Leon Kahane, principal), Beth Sholom Mildred Arnoff Memorial School (Mr. Azriel Karney, principal), Beth Tzedec Congregational School (High School, Mr. Joseph Klinger, administrator), Holy Blossom Religious School (Mr. Heinz Warschauer, educational director), Temple Emanu-El Religious School (Mrs. Doris S. Rotenberg, director), Temple Sinai Hebrew School (Mr. Edward Goldfarb, educational director).

Canadian cities participating are Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg.

Mr. Jack Pearlstein, Q.C., is president of the Bureau; Mr. Michel Meyer, president of the Leonard Mayzel Lodge.

Mr. Alexander Brown, associate director, Bureau of Jewish Education, is chairman of the contest in the Toronto region. Dr. Joseph Diamond is executive vice president of the Bureau.

ENGAGEMENT

KAGAN — GOLDBERG. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goldberg of Detroit, Michigan, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, **SHARON LYNN,** to **GERALD MELVIN KAGAN,** son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kagan, 233 Lonsmount Drive, Toronto. Wedding in June.

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MELAVA MALKA

The Religious Zionists of Toronto will have a Melava Malka tomorrow evening, February 6th, at 86 Vaughan Road. Member Nachman Sokel willreport on the World Zionist Convention from which he has recently returned. Rabbi Benjamin Zvieli, head of the Religious Department of Kol Yisrael, will discuss television in Israel.

ELECTIONS

Recently the Ner Israel Yeshiva College held its annual elections. The following officers and members of the board were elected: Hershel Rubenstein, honorary president; M. Lebovic, immediate past president; S. Hofstader, president; A. Bleeman, first vice president; H. Korolnek, 2nd vice president; W. Gordon, Q.C., 3rd vice president; S. Sigler, chairman of executive board; J. Kosoy, treasurer; J. Lebovic, secretary; H. Botnick, chairman, board of education; M. Wingold, chairman, finance committee; J. B. Goldhar, chairman, scholarships and bequests; Charles Garfunkel, chairman, house committee; Messrs. S. P. Botnick, M. Buksbaum, S. Edell, I. Feldman, M. Feldman, A. Figdor, A. Frankel, M. W. Gasner, J. Barney Goldhar, S. Goldstein, D. M. Herzig, S. Hoffman, M. Gross, F. B. Hahn, N. Kanner, Irving Kelner, I. M. Korolnek, L. Korzen,, I. Koschitzky, J. Kuhl, A. Kurtz, H. Landau, Z. Lebovic, M. Levine, R. Malach, M. Morgan, B. Munk, M. Nussbaum, M. J. Nussbaum, S. Nussbaum, E. Pluczenik, S. Rotman, B. Rubenstein, M. Rubenstein, K. Rothschild, D. Schmerz, P. Schwartz, J. Silver, N. Sokol, J. Tanenbaum, Dr. J. Weil, Dr. M. B. Weinberg, J. Weiner, A. Weinstock, S. Weitz, J. Wisebrod, S. Wortsman.

NEW NER ISRAEL
President:
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BREAKFAST MEET

The Breakfast Club of Beth Am will meet this coming Sunday, February 7th, 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Mr. J. B. Salsberg whose topic will be: Changing Patterns in Jewish Life.

WILL PERFORM

Holy Blossom Temple Singers will join the Temple Choir at services this evening, Friday, February 5th, 8:30 p.m.

BREAKFAST CLUB PRESENTATION

This Sunday, February 7th, 10:00 a.m., Holy Blossom Brotherhood Breakfast Club will present a discussion on: How Jewish Are We? A panel composed of Young Congregants will consist of Mrs. Gary Conn, Ted Greenwood, Arthur Pape, Mrs. Ray Stancer. Rabbi R. Powell will be moderator.

HEBREW SPEAKING CIRCLE MET

The Hebrew Speaking Circle of B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation held its monthly meeting recently at the synagogue. Topic of discussion was: The World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem and its influence on life in Israel and the Golah.

That same evening, Ben Kayfetz, executive director of National Joint Community Relations Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, addressed the high school of BIBD on: The Organized Jewish Community in Canada.

DINNER MEETING

Beth Sholom Brotherhood held a ladies night dinner meetingg last Sunday at the synagogue.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, TORONTO'S BETH TZEDEC

Toronto's Beth Tzedec Synagogue one of the leading Conservative synagogues in North America, recently held its annual election of officers. Officers are: Bert Godfrey, honorary president; Morris B. Kaufman, J. Irving Oelbaum, Albert Shifrin, Q.C., past presidents; Ellis I. Shapiro, immediate past president; Dr. Murray L. Simon, president; Dr. Nathan N. Levinne, chairman of the board; J. Barney Goldhar, first vice president; Irving D. Wintrob, second vice president; Max B. Nemoy, Q.C.; parnos; Joseph Doran, gabbai; Sydney V. Roth, honorary secretary; Nathan O. Hurwich, treasurer; Harry Lewis, vice chairman of board.

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HILLEL RALLY IN KINGSTON

Last weekend, from Thursday, January 28th, to Sunday, January 31st, delegates from more than a dozen universities throughout eastern Canada and northeastern United States met in Kingston, Ontario at a Hillel Institute hosted at the Hillel Foundation at Queen's University. The Inter-Hillel Institute is an annual event rotating among the Hillel Foundations of Queen's, McGill and Toronto.

Lectures and plenary sessions dealt with the theme: Jewish Past and Present — Continuity and Change. Papers were delivered by: Rabbis Karpol Bender (Queen's) — Continuity in Jewish History, the Role of Halakha (Law); Samuel Cass (McGill) — Jewish Identity, Past and Present; Aaron Kamerling (Toronto) — Ethical Evaluation of Jewish Historical Experience; Oscar Groner, assistant national director — Continuity of Jewish History, Role of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations.

Visiting scholar was Dr. Chaim Hillel Ben-Sasson, Professor of Jewish History at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and visiting professor at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Ben-Sasson delivered two lectures: The Problem of the Continuity of Jewish History; Legacy of East European Jewry.

Dr. J. A. Corry, principal of Queens University, opened the Institute.

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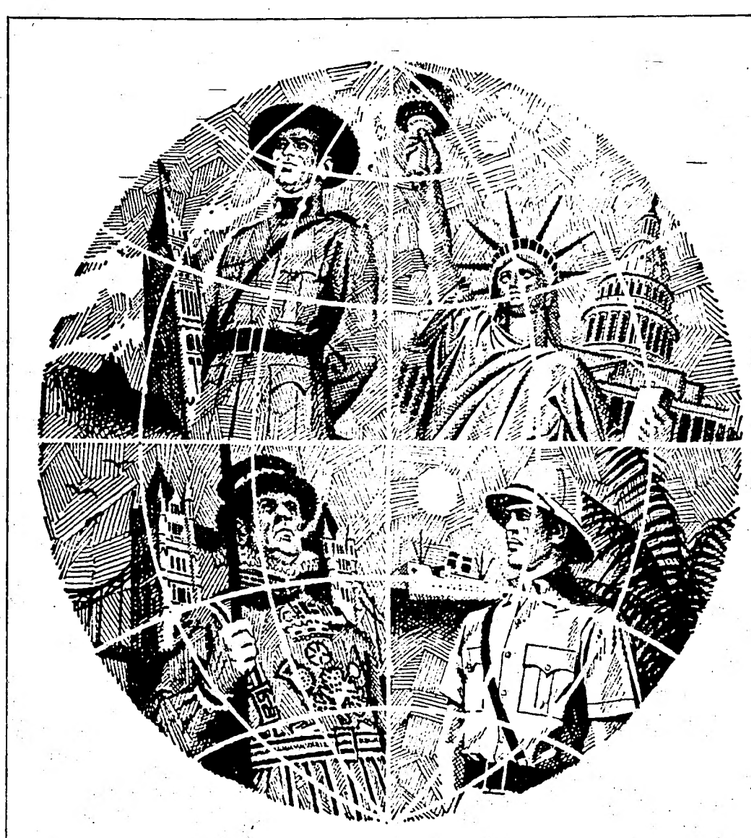

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A CJN EXCLUSIVE

How Arab Boycott Failed: The Full Story

JERUSALEM, (JCNS) — A recent unofficial study made by an economist at the Israeli Ministry of Finance Commerce and Industry, Michael Shefer, reviewing the effects of the Arab boycott on the economy of Israel and its repercussion on that of five Arab countries — Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan—came to the conclusion that, on the whole, the Arab States lose more than they gain by the absence of trade with Israel.

Jordan is described as the country to suffer most from the boycott. Iraq and Syria follow in that order. Egypt is found by the Israeli economist neither to have gained nor lost much, while Lebanon is regarded as the only Arab country to have benefitted from the boycott. According to Mr. Shefer's study, as time goes on, Lebanon's gain from the boycott is likely to decline and Egypt too should find it, increasingly, to her disadvantage.

Prior to the Second World War there were no intense trade relations between the Arab countries and what was then Palestine. The aggregate in exports from the five Arab countries to Palestine, excluding oil, was only five per cent of the total Arab exports in 1938. However, during the war, when shipping difficulties impeded transoceanic trade, Palestine's role in absorbing Arab trade grew to one fifth of their total exports. This commerce consisted mainly of Palestinian industrial goods in exchange for Arab farm produce. At the same time Palestine was also the principal outlet for Iraq's petroleum in the period from the opening of the Kirkuk-Haifa pipeline in 1963, until 1944.

Mr. Shefer tries to answer the question whether the economy of Israel and that of the five Arab States have today become less complementary than in 1946, when the first Arab boycott measures were introduced. He acknowledges that industrial development in the Arab countries, as well as agricultural progress in Israel, between 1946 and today, would both tend to dininish the complementary character of their respective economies. However, he claims that the general economic development on both sides has created new trade potentials, not necessarily in the form of farm produce in exchange for industrial goods, but rather a combination within these categories.

Comparing the current international commerce enjoyed by both sides, Mr. Shefer comes to the conclusion that, after an unspecified period of adjustment, Israel could buy 120 million dollars worth of goods annually from the five Arab States — representing one tenth of their total exports. This would consist of food (worth 40 million dollars) oil (35 million dollars), other raw materials (30 million dollars) and manufactured goods (15 million dollars). To Israel this would represent one quarter of her total imports.

In the event of such a development, the Israeli economist see additional advantages for the Arabs in substantially lower shipping costs compared to exports to Europe. He also sees a great potential in the exchange of services—particularly in tourists visiting Arab countries, on the one hand, and the use by the Arabs of Israeli medical and financial facilities, on the other. Further benefits would be derived from rechannelling the transit trade via Lebanon to the other four Arab countries, directly and more cheaply, through Israel.

Of outstanding benefit to both sides would be the joint undertaking of developmental projects; as for example, the building of a large Red Sea port by Israel and Jordan instead of the two small ones at Aqaba and Elath, which serve neither country completely well.

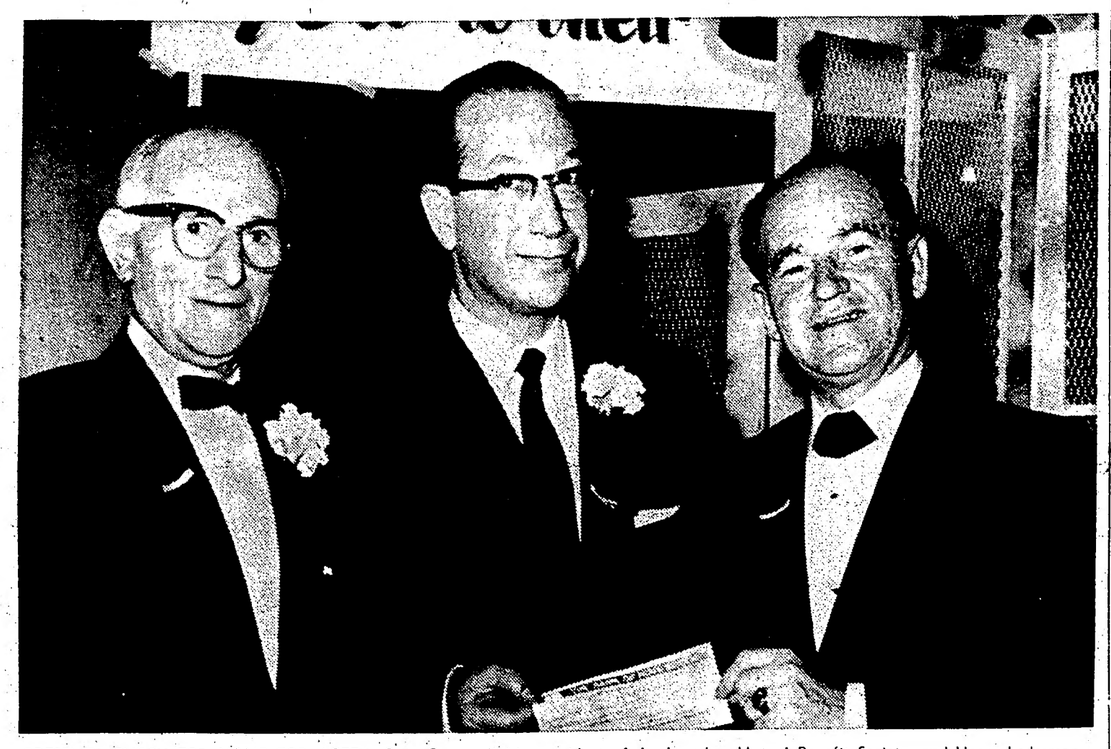
Also, the joint exploitation by the same two countries of the Dead Sea mineral resources and a mutual development of the Jordan River . . . Project, instead of the current expensive competitive activities, would have more fruitful results.

In trying to work out the potential trade of each Arab country with Israel, should the boycott cease, Mr. Shefer comes to the conclusion that Syria could sell to Israel 40 million dollars worth of agricultural produce, representing a quarter of her total exports. At the same time her imports from Israel could amount to ten million dollars, or about five per cent of her total imports.

In the case of Iraq, the study sees the possibility of exporting to Israel five million dollars worth of farm products, in addition to 35 million dollars worth of petroleum once the Kirkuk-Haifa pipeline is re-opened. With regard to Jordan, Mr. Shefer believes that one fifth of her total exports worth about two million dollars could be bought by Israel. At the same time Jordan could buy from Israel half a million dollars worth of goods, one seventh of her total imports.

The assumption underlying Mr. Shefer's study is, of course, the cessation of the Arab boycott—which is unlikely at this juncture.

CONTRIBUTES TO JEWISH NATIONAL FUND.—At its thirty-fifth jubilee which was held on January 10th at Adath Israel Synagogue, the Ivansker Mutual Benefit Society made a substantial contribution to Toronto's Jewish National Fund.
Active workers in the causes of Ivansker Mutual Benefit Society are seen presenting a bond worth $500 to Rabbi Dr. David Monson, chairman of the J. N. F. Foundation: (from left to right) Sam Cooper, newly elected president; Manny Rotman, chairman of the Jewish National Fund, Ontario Region; Rabbi Monson; Henry Lederman, immediate past president and master of ceremonies of the dinner.



PRESENTS CHECK FOR HOME FOR AGED.—Sam Cooper (left), president of the Ivansker Mutual Benefit Society, and Henry Lederman (right), immediate past president, are seen presenting a check for $500 to Sam Ruth (center), director of the Jewish Home for the Aged, on behalf of the Home.
The presentation took place at the Society's thirty-fifth jubilee which was held on January 10th at the Adath Israel Synagogue.

U. of T., McGILL IN Y. DEBATE

Seventeen colleges and universities will compete in the ninth annual metropolitan debate tournament sponsored by the Yeshiva College Debating Society on Sunday, February 14th, 11:00 a.m., at Yeshiva University's Furst Hall, Manhattan.

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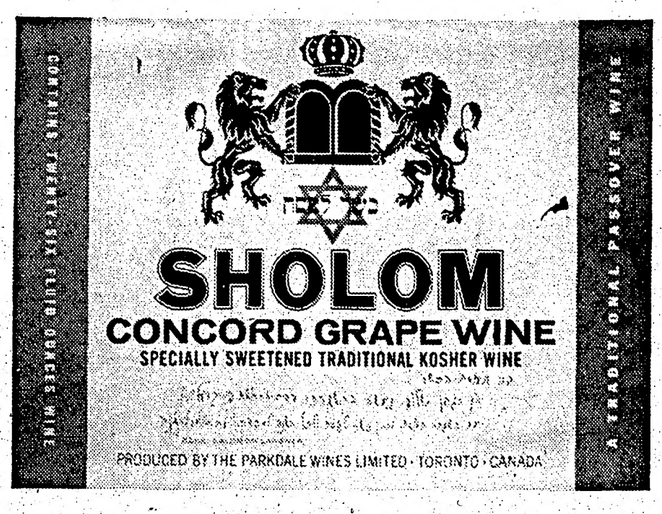
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WARNING FROM ARGENTINA

MARK TURKOW'S ADDRESS

Mark Turkow, executive head of the World Jewish Congress for Latin America, delivered last week at Toronto's Jewish Public Library a most remarkable lecture on the topic of Neo-Nazism, now supported by agents of the Arab League throughout South America. Mr. Turkow, a Jewish leader of note and a gifted writer, gave a brilliant analysis of the sinister forces behind the Neo-Nazi movement here and the world over.

His well documented essay on the new unholy alliance between Arab chauvinistic war-mongers and neo-Nazi troublemakers should, in our opinion, be submitted by the Canadian Jewish Congress as a factual document for study by the External Affairs committee of the House.

Also, the report from Buenos Aires last week about the discovery of Nazi arms caches, confirms Mr. Turkow's allegations that once the neo-Nazis are permitted to organize, they become a threat to society.

MONSON TESTIMONIAL

THE PEOPLE'S TRIBUTE

The People's Reception and Testimonial tendered Rabbi David Monson last week by Toronto's United Organizations for Histadrut and by Fraternal groups and Landsmanschaften, turned into one of the most impressive affairs of the season. The organizations represented, united in the Movement for Labor Israel, owe a debt of gratitude to its honorary chairman Dr. David Monson for dedication unmatched and unusual devotion to the cause of Israel Histadrut and its program to absorb newcomers to Israel.

At the testimonial, leaders of the Histadrut movement in Toronto lauded the exemplary work of Rabbi Monson on behalf of Labor Israel. They mentioned the very important new centres for youth, especially for those from underdeveloped countries, established in Israel thanks to the rabbi's initiative. Dr. Monson, in turn, in a moving address of thanks, pointed at the task ahead, at the work yet unfinished and expressed his determination to go ahead with the program of new projects vital for Israel.

As before, Rabbi Monson will certainly find wide support among Torontonians for the People's Drive on behalf of Histadrut which he leads with distinction.

CRISIS IN FUNDRAISING

UJA — LEGEND AND REALITY

Many ask: Is there still a United Jewish Appeal in Toronto — or is the name a legacy of the days following World War II and during the first years of Israel's independence? Is there a United Jewish Welfare Fund — or is it a mirage?

Isn't it the function of the United Jewish Appeal, as people understand this concept of unified fundraising for all Jewish needs in the community and overseas, to superintend legitimate demands for aid in all areas where succor and support are necessary?

There are two fields of Jewish endeavor where, according to the donor, the UJA should be active: strengthening Israel and promoting Jewish education. However, in pursuing both these objectives the UJA seems to have failed in the full accomplishment of its task. More specifically, first and foremost it has failed in eliminating so-called competition.

Many want to know: Why?

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Some feel that the basic weakness in the structure of the UJA lies in the fact that, in its operation of funds for Israel, for example, it does not eliminate bureaucracy and waste; it hesitates to inform the addressee where and how the money should be spent. Leading American rabbis and outstanding Israeli economists have criticized UJA for its manner of operating.

To illustrate, just recently we have observed the spectacle in Jerusalem called the 26th Zionist Congress which terminated with a scandal (a legacy from feuds in little towns in Eastern Europe three generations ago and preserved by functionaries without any reason) when leaders of various political parties, the so-called Zionist parties, could not agree on how to distribute the seats on the Jewish Agency executive.

Must such feuds be a part of fundraising and UJA because ladies and gentlemen concerned control and decide the allocation of funds collected here for Israel — distributing them according to a party-key applied in pre-war Poland?

This party system, obnoxious to most Israelis and strange to North Americans, reaches out to the fundraising organizations right here where little Zionist 'congresses' and caucuses of Zionist political parties in this country allocate the budget, collected by the UJA but turned over to them for distribution.

At the risk of repetition, again we wonder: Are these funds being distributed according to this infamous party-key not because it is the wish of the contributor but because he is not consulted by the bureaucrats?

Why can't we insist that monies raised for Israel be transferred directly to the democratically elected government of Israel and not to the Zionist Organization or Jewish Agency which, in the opinion even of its president, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, is not a democratic organization?

Should such day come, it may be an unhappy one for many little politicians. As a case in point, Israel then would not have twenty daily Hebrew newspapers plus dozens of foreign-language publications, published only because funds are received from overseas to support a party press (some of these dailies have a circulation of only one thousand). The country would maintain a press the people would want to patronize.

One can continue endlessly, citing examples of waste no businessman, officially supporting these fundraising drives, would condone in his own business.

Hence, is it not logical for organizations to support individual drives despite the so-called United Jewish Appeal?

There are those who claim that Israel is aided exclusively by the United Israel Funds. This assumption is false. For don't people contribute to the Histadrut Drive which funds are sent directly to Histadrut? Don't women collect impressive funds for Hadassah which does tremendous work in Israel? Aren't there some who prefer to help the economy of Israel by bonds, by investments?

Is it not obvious that the funds of the United Israel Appeal are, in great part, disbursed among so-called Zionist activities right here? And if it is not so, why shoudn't the leadership of UJA publish the exact figures showing how this curious United Israel Appeal distributes its funds?

Only recently a leading Toronto Zionist published a letter in this newspaper questioning the budget of the Zionist organization.

We never doubted the right of the Zionists to support an organization. However, it must be sustained by its members directly, and not indirectly from charity funds.

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The same situation exists in the field of education. At this moment, several important educational institutions in this city are forced to conduct an independent drive because the United Jewish Welfare Fund refuses to cover their budget. Were the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent by UJA for the support of some organizations allotted for education, certainly there would be no need for separate drives. But unfortunately one can neither break a tradition nor an entrenched bureaucracy.

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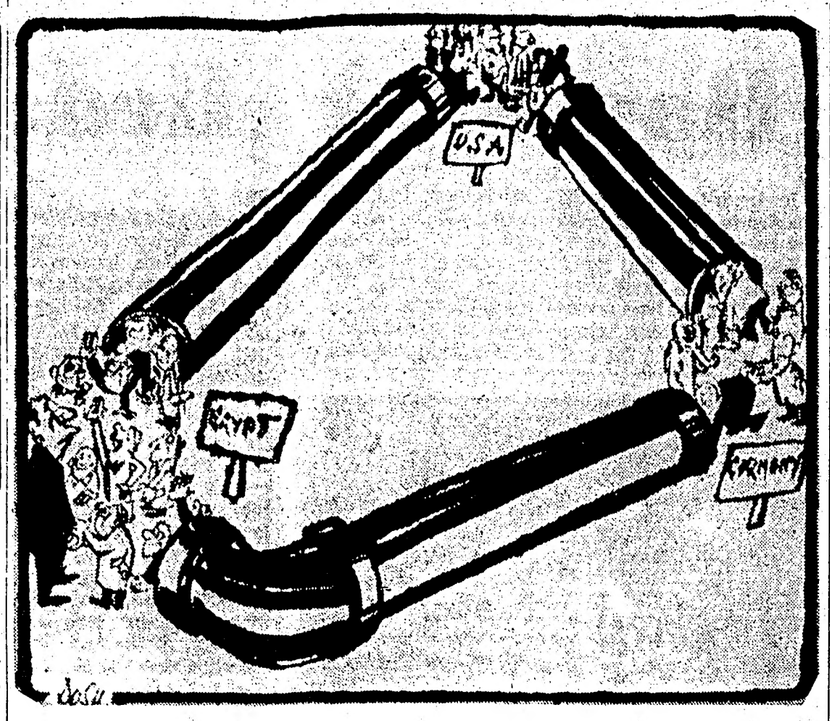
Among the beneficiaries of UJA, the Joint Distribution Committee is, in our opinion ,the most important one, since its distribution of funds is the most efficient. Therefore why can't the Joint distribute these funds in Israel where it is doing a wonderful job with its limited sources?

Must we uphold all the other fundraising arms because we've done so for, lo, these many decades? And why? Why can't we change the fundraising organizations? Why should we endure old-fashioned political groups, feuding and bickering pre-World War I politicians in control of UJA funds?

This situation does not concern Israel alone It demoralizes Jewish community life the world over. Because of this state, so few among the younger generation are dedicated to such a noble community effort as the UJA should be.



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INTERPRETATION

Mendel and Minna Markovsky dined at a posh nightclub. Before they were ready to leave, Minna went to the ladies' room to freshen up. When she returned she found her husband muttering to himself, "Some nerve, I'll say."

"So what happened, Mendel dear?" she asked

"Plenty," answered Mendel, fuming. "The waiter insists on a cover charge."

"What did you say?"

"Why, I simply told him we didn't intend to sleep here."

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WHO'S AGAINST TRADITION?

Two Jewish salesmen met on a train and became quite chummy. One told the other how wonderful his children were in school; they run off with all the prizes.

Naming each child, he began with the oldest who was called Jeremy Hopewell, Jr.

"You mean you named your son after yourself?" wondered the other salesman. "That's against Jewish tradition."

"That's alright," came the retort. It's not my name either."

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IT'S HOW THAT COUNTS

Itzik Lukatch and his wife went to buy their first automobile. They proudly approached the salesman.

"Please show us only the best and latest models."

"The delux, perhaps?"

"Who needs de looks," snapped Lukatch. "It should have a good motor, that counts."

NOT BAD FOR JACKIE

●Jackie Cooper, one-time child star, is very happy as a production boss of one of TV's biggest enterprises, bringing in $64 miliion gross business last year.

Jackie maintains that most child stars in films never sustain their success as adults, perhaps because they try to remain in films.

A LITERARY WAR IN NEW YORK

THE BATTLE OF THE BAGELS

NEW YORK (CJN) — The "Sturday Review" (of literature) is now deep in the hole... of the bagel. Bagel eaters have never known that there are bagel scientists. Says the "Saturday Review" in one of its latest issues, "When, (in SR's November 21 issue), Horace Sutton referred briefly to the origins of the bagel, we were hardly prepared for the ensuing storm of letters. Bagel scholars in great numbers have written to share the rsults of their studies. Among the recent contributions to this hitherto neglected field of historical research are the following:

BAGEL STEMS FROM BIBLE

By Thomas L. Parsonnet, Newark:

In attributing the discovery of bagels to Bagelus of ancient Greece, Professor Cull Pepper overlooks the fact that the Greek climate lacks sufficient heat to produce the adamantine hardness of the bagel. It took the Negev desert, and nothing less, to do this.

The true development of the bagel is related in the Bible, 1 Samuel 25: 18, et seq., where David's amatory excursions are discussed. It is there stated, in part: "Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves... and laid them on asses." Obviously, during the ride through the desert on the bony and lumpy backs of asses, the loaves assumed their now well-known shape and consistency. It needs no imagination to recognize the perversion of her name as well as her character. "Abigail" became "Bigail," which was quickly corrupted to "bagel."

The unfair attempt (bordering, I submit, on anti-Semitism) to deprive us Jews of the credit for this ancient gastronomic horror must be nipped in the bud. Professor Pepper should check his rumors before rushing into print.

WHO WAS BAGELUS?

By Professor K. Jason Sitewell, of the University of Alexandria, Egypt.

Professor Pepper's letter on the origin of the bagel in ancient Greece missed by a wide margin. It is true, as Professor Pepper says, that Bagelus, a Greek, covered his toes with dough in accordance with the accepted remedy for gout at the time. It is also true that the doughy rings hardened one day while Bagelus was baking his gouty feet in the sun. But, unbeknownst to Bagelus and, apparently, to Mr. Cull Pepper, a hardened dough ring had been discovered in ancient Egypt at least 1,000 years earlier The account is to be found in Fuller's History of Ancient Egypt. I quote:

In 1382 B.C., a superstition seized the people of Alexandria. Suddenly and inexpticably, the notion took hold that demons were innabiting mummified corpses, causing the bodies to emerge from their shrouded wrappings at night, placing hexes on the populace. People flocked to the high priests, demanding that the demons be exorcised. The priests announced that the demons could be exorcised only by unwrapping twelve mummies that were at least one thousand years old and dipping the bodies in hot oil.

I now summarize the portion of this account that has to do with the actual discovery of the bagel.

Fuller says that as each casket was opened, out came not just the mummy but all the favorite possessions of the deceased, which, according to custom, had been placed in the burial box. In some cases, the possessions were rather far-fetched. For example, into the casket of Bhagelramesis, a member of the High Court known for his gluttony, had been placed various delicacies such as cakes, fried oysters, and sweetbreads. When Bhagelramesis's box was opened, as might be expected, all the foods had long been completely decomposed — all, that is, except one. Bhagelramesis loved unsweetened doughnuts. For some reason having to do perhaps with the cooking oil used, the doughnuts interred with Bhagelramesis not only had not decomposed, but had become petrified. Further, when Bhagelramesis's mummy and his possessions were soaked in the boiling oil for the purpose of exorcising the demon, the mummy was virtually dissolved, but the doughnut came through the ordeal undamaged.

It was inevitable, of course, that one of the witnesses to this ritual should have been both curious and hungry. In this way, history came upon the true discovery of the bagel or, more precisely, the bhagel, named after Bhagelramesis. And this no doubt also accounts for the attempt of modern bagel bakers to come as close as possible to the original state of petrification in making their bhagels.

ESSENES EAT IT

By Mendel Trubnick, Semitics professor at Queens College N. Y.C.:

After reading Professor Pepper's letter on the origin of the bagel (Saturday Review Dec. 26) I feel compelled to bring certain additional facts to the attention of your readers. While the Bagelus theory once had wide acceptance, it has now fallen into disrepute. In fact among students of the area it is generally known as the "Bagelus Fallacy."

While the incident described by Professor Pepper no doubt occurred, since it is referred to by both Tacitus and Livy, it was not the bagel that Bagelus discovered but the doughnut.

Recent translations of latterly discovered Dead Sea Scrolls prove conclusively that the bagel was eaten by the Essenes as early as 527 B.C. and probably considerably before that date. In those days it was known as the "legab." Undoubtedly, the corruption occurred upon its introduction to modern languages, which as you know are written in the opposite direction from ancient Hebrew, or, as we scholars say, backwards.

It is generally believed that the legab or bagel was introduced to Crete by one of the ships belonging to the fleet sponsored jointly by King Solomon and the king of Phoenicia. It was an immediate success and it was only after Bagelus discovered the doughnut that its popularity as a breakfast food was somewhat diminished. This in part was due to the fact that the bagel was at this time made in the form of a square. It was only much later that the Greek mathematician Archimedes, while attempting to find the most perfect natural form, suggested that the bagel should be made round.

Even today there remains a hard core of bagel devotees who claim that the full succulence of the bagel can be savored only when it is in the shape of a square. In fact, there exists in Israel today a bagel company which manufactures bagels only in the traditional shape. The famous singing commercial "A Kauffman Square Bagel can't roll off your table" is well known throughout the Middle East.

letters to the editor

CJN Item Inspires Poem

Dear Editor:

Reading an item in D. Cohn's column, The Lively Arts (January 22nd issue, The Canadian Jewish News) I was impelled to seek some expression for the overwhelming emotions it aroused. Although it has been years since my "poetry writing" days, I tried to put these thoughts into words.

As I'm sure that most of the readers must have felt as deeply moved, I am submitting the following lines, together with the paragraph which prompted them and which bears repeating, particularly for those among us who are inclined to be ready too soon to "forgive and forget":

Item C.J.N., January 22nd: In Athens an exhibition is being shown of drawings by Jewish children who later were, with their parents, killed at Theresienstadt death camp in Czechoslovakia during the war. The drawings were smuggled out of the camp as wrapping paper.

ON VIEWING AN EXHIBIT

Soft whispering strokes, unfaltering.
Dreaming over slanted pencil,
stub of crayon, (only tender clouds appear),
Still yearning toward the sun, a clear tomorrow,
They sighed their fragile reveries.
Now we who look across the years
Are suddenly confronted with
The terrible presence of their looming fear,
The unutterable pain, the choking tears,
The hideous desecration of their soul,
—And we are frozen by their muted screams.

Toronto Mrs. Helen Smolack

HOW TO FIGHT NAZIS

Recently I heard much about the neo-Nazis who were permitted to express their antisemitic feelings freely over the publicly owned television network. We also understand no definite step was taken to stop them.

There are other groups trying to spread antisemitism indirectly. One is the Jehovah Witnesses who are attempting to convince people that the Jews are not liked by God anymore because of certain alleged sins. They canvass door to door in every major city, trying to win housewives on their side. Quite a few of them are Germans who left their country after Hitler's downfall.

In my opinion, if we want to fight antisemitism we should use the same method they employ to fight us. More important, we ought to explain the meaning of Judaism to outsiders. To me Judaism is eternal goodness, and everyone should be convinced of this even it it means knocking on every door. We should make everyone see that we never were against any people on earth; we suffered with those who suffered, and we shall be happy only when peace and freedom prevail.

We should not fear to stand up at Nazi meetings and ask them what charge they have against us. If our enemies were brave enough to face us and tell us their real reason for hatred, we could perhaps 'smash their reasoning.

Our being purposely misinterpreted for thousands of years chiefly for political means, I feel now is the time to stop this; no one will do it for us. We should build a bridge between Jews and non-Jews founded on mutual recognition and esteem.

Toronto Irene Feit

CORRECTION

Dear Editor:

Addressing a Melave Malka recently at Torath Emeth Jewish Centre, I used the sentence: I am sorry that Yeshiva men in Israel have no share in confronting the secular part of the people being exempted from military service.

This statement may be misleading, as though it implies that I regret the exemption from military service of Yeshiva men.

This is not so. I mean that, in my opinion, religious Jewry should challenge secular Jewry and not hide in a corner. It is a pity that Yeshiva men, so strong in their Jewish conscience, haven't the opportunity of expressing themselves outside the Yeshiva as well as in the army which is considered a melting pot of new immigrants.

Toronto Rabbi Benjamin Zvieli

WIVES DON'T CONTROL KREMLIN

Dear Editor:

I found the article printed in The Canadian Jewish News (January 22nd) entitled, The New Red Leaders and Jews, very interesting.

In it, Mr. Heiman leaves the impression that Leonid Brezhnev may prove very unfriendly to Jews.

However, shortly after Khrushchev was disposed, Newsweek stated that there would be less antisemitism in Russia because Brezhnev's wife is Jewish.

It would appear that his dislike of Jews did not affect him as strongly as Mr. Heiman indicates.

Allan Alter

Willowdale, Ontario.

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

THE DIVINE PRESENCE

The beautiful story is told of the famous Chasidic rabbi, Mendel of Kotzk, that he asked his disciples, "Where is God to be found?" They looked at him in utter astonishment, and answered, "But surely he is to be found everywhere! Scripture tells us, 'The whole world is full of his glory' and we say 'there is no place void of him'." But the rabbi sadly shook his head and said, "No! He is to be found wheresoever one opens the door and lets him in."

This week's Sidra introduces the elaborate and exhaustive details of the injunction given to the children of Israel to erect in the wilderness a moveable sanctuary which should accompany them in their wanderings. The command, and the details of its fulfilment, together with the account of its dedication, constitute a very lengthy narrative. It covers, with the exception of the story of the golden calf, the whole of chapters 25-40 of Exodus and the seventh chapter of Numbers.

Yet the purpose for which this sanctuary was to be set up is expressed in five short Hebrew words, translated, "And they shall make for me a sanctuary and I will dwell in their midst". (25.8). And of these five words there is one which is of supreme importance, whose profound lesson we do well to take to heart. As the rabbis point out, it does not say, "And I will dwell in its midst", but "in their midst."

How often, and with what tragic results to our spiritual life and the indwelling of God in man, do we, in practice if not in words, overlook that fact and act as though indeed it said "And I will dwell in its midst." Even if we know it is true that God is to be found in the synagogue, we tend to confine him only to it. There we go to pray and establish communion with him, and there we leave him when we emerge from its portals.

Not thus did Scripture envisage the role of the central place of worship. If it is invested with a special sanctity ,it is only because it constitutes the spiritual power-house where we are expected to recharge the run-down batteries of the spirit, and take them with us into our daily lives.

It is to the extent that we succeed in enlarging the area of the sovereignty of God from "its midst" to "their midst" that our religious loyalties acquire meaning and purpose. Whether that "midst" is "the midst of thy camp", where "the Lord thy God walketh, therefore shall thy camp be holy"; whether it be the midst of one's home, creating that atmosphere that makes it a habitation for Him; whether it be in the midst of one's business or in one's social relations, unless the spirit of God comes in medias res, we fail to live up to those standards of conduct enjoyed upon us.

That is the profound meaning of the sage comment of the Chasidic rabbi. By our own thoughts and words and actions we shut the doors of our hearts and our homes and our businesses against Him, and He is not to be found there; or we open the door and let Him in, for the ennobling of our lives and the spiritualisation of our beings.

GRIM REMINDER — William Brydan as Captain Salzer (left) and Ken Pauli as Sergeant Witzel in Rolf Hochhuth's controversial drama, The Deputy. The play, at Toronto's Crest, continues through Saturday, February 13th.

THEATRE IN TORONTO

MORAL IN "DEAR ME...": BE YOURSELF

by BARBARA I. PEARL

Surely there are those among the capacity audiences at the Royal Alexandra these weeks who see themselves in Libby Hirsch, middle aged house-wife and mother portrayed by veteran expert on family affairs, Gertrude Berg. And the experience is not, in the final analysis, unwelcome.

Libby Hirsch is the epitome of the average wife and conscientious parent — fussy about her husband, concerned about her children, interested in her friends and even troubled by a sister.

Specifically, in Leonard Spigelgass' comedy, Dear Me, The Sky Is Falling, Libby is upset because her daughter Debbie (Mary-Robin Redd), engaged to a promising young attorney, Robert Wolfe (Michael Baselson), cannot get an old boyfriend, Peter Nemo (Paul Vincent), out of her mind.

That wouldn't be so awful, except that Peter is a good-for-nothing beatnik, a "slob", as Mama puts it.

This triggers off a succession of events which resembles at times hectic doings in one's own life.

Debbie goes to a psychiatrist (Jonathan Moore) because, with Peter on her brain, she cannot remember so simple a thing like her fiance's name; Mama Libby appears meddlesome because, along with her anxiety over Debbie, she tries in an underhanded manner to put some romance into the life of her schoolteacher-sister Mildred (Estelle Omens); Paul Hirsch (Roger De Koven), Libby's husband, is annoyed with her because she won't sell their big house and move to Florida. And in all this confusion Libby has time to play canasta with her girlfriends.

Action trots at a steady pace. Things come to a head when everything Libby does — always for the family, never for herself — ricochets.

Paul decides to try Florida stag, Mildred doesn't want Libby to interfere in her life, Debbie for awhile gives the impression she'll run off with Nemo — chaos reigns supreme.

Finally, against her grain Libby visits Dr. Robert Evans for psychiatric treatment.

Result: she concentrates on herself, determined to take singing lessons and go to Paris, she takes steps in selling the house, she keeps her nose out of Debbie's affairs — everyone is stunned, and uncomfortable.

But does a leopard change its spots? So can't Libby change. And before one can say, Dear Me, The Sky Is Falling, she has the psychiatrist on the couch.

Of course, Mrs. Berg knows her acting capability. The part is made to order for her, so why shouldn't she excel? Still, no one minds; it's a pleasure to see someone go through Mrs. Average's paces.

The part of Jessie (Berta Gersten), one of Libby's cronies, is not of major proportion. However, Miss Gersten's years of experience cannot be denied. Her manner of cheating at cards gets her to first base hands down.

Dorothy Levine brings another character into focus. Her conception of Mrs. Shlinger, a prospective home buyer, is something we hope we're not, but probably are. Which means she is extremely good in portraying a house-wife who loves nothing better than prying into cupboards, inspecting the kitchen and bringing the "outdoors indoors".

theatre hi-lites

JUDY GARLAND AT O'KEEFE AGAIN

Judy Garland, the little girl who started with Over the Rainbow and whose voice rose as high as the sky, is appearing at O'Keefe Center for a second time this coming Monday, February 8th, till Saturday, February 13th, accompanied by Nipsey Russell and dancers Allen Brothers.

DEAR ME . . . BREAKING RECORDS AT ROYAL ALEX

Dear Me, The Sky Is Falling, is playing to capacity audiences every night because of Gertrude Berg who is the image of every housewife and mother in the world.

Mrs. Berg is well known since the beginning of her public career as radio's Molly Goldberg in The Rise of the Goldbergs. She writes her characters and acts, whether on radio, TV or the stage.

Born in Manhattan, Mrs. Berg was raised in New York. She studied writing and acting at Columbia University. She began writing for radio, however, long after her marriage to Lewis Berg, a mechanical engineer who specialized in sugar manufacture.

She has won virtually every important award, the coveted Tony and Sarah Siddon prizes for the season's best performance in Majority of One and the Emmy for The Rise of the Goldbergs.

THE DEPUTY DEMAND PERFORMANCE

The clamor of crowds just won't give up The Deputy. Rolf Hochhuth's controversial drama has been extended by popular demand for yet another week, till Saturday, February 13th.

On Tuesday, February 9th, after the performance, there will be an open discussion for the benefit of those who have indicated an interest in the theme of the play. To answer questions on stage will be Leo Ciceri, Joseph Shaw, William Needles and Ian Burton. Murray Davis, director, will chair the discussion.

HUSBAND-WIFE TEAM IN SCHISGAL PLAY

Starting Tuesday evening, February 9th, Toronto's Hydro Theater (located in the 71-year-old Royal Conservatory of Music) will be ablaze, proclaiming the performance of Ben and Sylvia Lennick, popular Canadian players, in Murray Schisgal's The Typists, performed to capacity audiences in New York by Eli Wallach and Ann Jackson, another husband-wife team.

This is a major step forward for the Lennicks who, having complete faith in the Theater of the Absurd, are financing this project. However, they can be optimistic, for, appearing with the Belmont Players for ten years, they wrote and were presented on radio and TV with increasing success.

Among theater hits in which Ben and Sylvia appeared are Born Yesterday, My Sister Eileen, Awake and Sing, Streetcar Named Desire, and innumerable more. Their last effort was, Once Upon A Tailor, where they displayed versatility and wit.

THE LIVELY ARTS

by D. COHN

● A young Russian sculptor, Arvid Kravinski, will carve a vast relief of Lenin into a mountainside near Leninabod, according to Taas.

● Shelley Winters, basking in her six-room apartment on the West Side of New York City, says she likes her end of the city better than the opulent East Side.

"There's a feeling of cliff-dwelling and inclosure on the East Side. It's so impersonal. In my building I know just about everyone. I know their problems, their troubles. Anytime I want I can walk next door and borrow a pound of butter. Can I do that on Park Avenue?".

● A new kind of twist: Luther Adler, replacing Zero Mostel in Fiddler On The Roof, is playing Sholom Aleichem in English; his father, the late Jacob P., used to play Shakespeare in Yiddish.

● Shai K. Ophir, Israeli actor, has been signed to co-star with Shoshana Damari in The New Israeli Musical Show, which will be presented in New York on February 6th. Mr. Ophir recently appeared in My Fair Lady in Tel Aviv.

● "This People Israel: The Meaning of Jewish Existence", by Leo Baeck, was published last week. Rabbi Baeck was a leader of the Jewish community in Berlin before World War II. He remained with his congregation although urged to leave and was imprisoned in the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Much of this book was written there. It deals with the Jewish spirit in four epochs — the early formative period, the time of the Talmud and Midrash and the encounter with Christianity, the Middle Ages and the encounter with Islam and the latest period, of confrontation with modern Europe and America.

Rabbi Baeck survived concentration camp, taught at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in the 1950's and died in London in 1959.

● Helen Shapiro, English pop singer, will tour Poland again. She will take in six cities including Warsaw. The tour begins February 10th and will last for eleven days.

● Pianist-bandleader Peter Duchin, known as the son of the late Eddie Duchin, has made it on his own. Twenty-seven-year-old Peter is a major band contractor for parties, weddings, bar mitzvahs, along with such veteran maestros as Meyer Davis and Lester Lanin.

Now Duchin is contemplating launching a traveling band. He will play the Fontainbleu in Miami Beach this month, after which he is booked for the Cocoanut Grove in Los Angeles.

OTTAWA TRIBUTE TO CHURCHILL

OTTAWA (CJN) — The Ottawa Jewish community paid tribute to the memory of Winston Churchill on the day of his funeral. Morning services at the synagogue included special references to the great statesman and war leader. Speaking at Beth Shalom, where Jewish war veterans were gathered, Rabbi Simon Eckstein referred to Churchill's longing for justice for all men and his closeness to the Zionist ideal. The congregation joined in reciting the 23rd Psalm.

POPULAR THRUSH AT O'KEEFE — Judy Garland, songstress who has the world in the palm of her hand, appears for one week only at Toronto's O'Keefe Center, starting Monday, February 8th, through Saturday, February 13th. Nipsey Russell, well known Negro comedian, and The Allen Brothers, dancers, are on the same bill.

TO HEAD COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS

OTTAWA (CJN) — The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews has appointed Mr. Justice A. H. Lieff and Renault St. Laurent, son of former Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, co-chairman of Brotherhood Week beginning February 21st through 28th. The chairmen have enlisted speakers for special brotherhood events across the nation who will assist in seminars in human relations, folk festivals, ecumenical dialogues and assemblies.

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Mr. Michaeli was here this week to introduce to the Belgian press and travel agencies Mr. A. Arad, who has been appointed director of the newly established Israeli Tourist Office for the Benelux countries, which has its headquarters in Amsterdam.

The new office will develop tourism from the Benelux to Israel, and make available to the press and travel agencies in these countries literature and information about the Jewish State.

Recently, a group of 15 non-Jewish representatives of Belgian travel agencies, guided by Miss I. Bomberg, the manager of Shoham in Brussels, went on a study tour of Israel. On their return they were full of praise for the excellent reception they had received, and made known the many tourist possibilities Israel could offer.

Hungarian Rabbi Visits England

LONDON (JCNS) — Dr. Imre Benoschofsky, the Chief Rabbi of Hungary, in London on a private visit, worshipped at the Ealing and Acton Synagogue last Sabbath. He was invited to read Maftir, and after the service a kiddush was given in his honour.

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Since the demise of Lord Simon Marks, early last month, businessmen wondered what would happen to Marks & Spencer, one of Britain's major commercial enterprises. The Jewish world especially has followed with interest the story of Marks & Spencer as the late Lord Marks and his partner Israel Sieff have been for decades synonymous with Britain's Zionist movement. This story by Geoffrey Cuthbert is taken from the London "Time and Tide".

Marks & Spencer Saga

Unusual Business, Extraordinary Men

Israel Sieff, the new chairman of Marks and Spencer, is going further than his announced intention of stabilising prices. He hopes shortly to introduce yet another in the series of 'new lower price' campaigns which have been startling the financial and business world for the past eight years. In that period, while Marks and Spencer's turnover has risen by 60 per cent, its profit before taxation has risen by nearly 100 per cent.

Other moves — both short and long term — affecting Marks and Spencer customers, investors and employees were revealed by Mr. Sieff when we talked in his brightly-lit spacious office with its green walls and red leather topped desk.

Next door was a stilled room where the only movement came from the lamps of Baker Street — Mr Sieff has not taken over the office where his brother-in-law, Lord Marks, died six week ago.

Mr. Sieff has the build of a rugby hooker with the smile and courtesy of a more elegant age. His speech, still with the merest ripple of northern origins, flows with metered ease like the poetry he writes as a hobby.

Some suggested that at 75 his role would be that forecast for Pope John — the only alternative to an interregnum. The business world will be as surprised as the papal fathers by the energy, ability and enthusiasm of the choice.

Leaning forward on his desk, Mr. Sieff told me earnestly: 'Our turnover at present exceeds £200 million ($600 million). I make no secret of my aim. I want the business to produce a volume of £300 million ($900 million) within the next few years. A more than 50 per cent rise 'in a few years' for a company that has been in business for over 80 years!

'We have actually taken one of our top directors, Mr J A Lewando, and invited him to be head of the export department. He will be visiting most of the countries of Europe.

'We already have established a considerable export business. It includes Czechoslovakia. We have seen a member of the Russian trade mission here and our salesmen may have to go to Moscow. Canada and the United States have a good potential for us — we already sell to Canada but it has not been attacked with the dynamism it should have. Nevertheless a ton of goods is sent there by air mail every week.

What, I asked Mr Sieff, was his view on the prospects generally in Britain for ambitious young men in business today — was there still a role for the entrepreneurs like Simon Marks?

'I believe,' he replied, 'that in business there are a great many opportunities for young men, but they must have a favourable set of circumstances to start off with. Success comes as a result of a dynamic character, a sense of urgency, and the will to benefit from experience. A man must have a dynamic nature and he must also have a philosophy as to his principles of action in order to reach his target.

'If he is thinking in terms of the community in which he lives he will do very well. If he possesses a sense of responsibility for his community in which he lives, his business will thrive. But he must remember that business does not end at 5.30.

'My brother-in-law and I used to sit up until midnight working and discussing business. Business was ever present in our minds because we saw in it the possibility of developing, making a profit and being of benefit to the community.'

As we parted I asked Mr Sieff what was his advice for the company's 170,000 shareholders.

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STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

NEW YORK (JCNS) — The Federal German Government might consider taking action which would have the effect of extending the statute of limitation beyond May 8 this year, according to Mr. Morris B. Abram, President of the American Jewish Committee, who is now in Bonn.

Mr. Abram met the West German Minister of Justice, Dr. Ewald Bucher, and the Secretary of State, Professor Karl Carstens to discuss such action.

Dr. Bucher told Mr. Abram that "under German law one might reasonably consider some later date than May 8, 1965 for the statute of limitation to begin" and that his office would "examine the possibilities of an extension in this light."

Mr. Abram had informed Dr. Bucher of his opinion that, under German law, the statute of limitation begins on the date the crime was committed, unless prosecution is impossible. Because of this, the Germans had chosen the date of May 8, 1965 for the statute to begin. This was wrong, Mr. Abram said, because Germany was unable to start prosecuting war crimes until her sovereignty was established, and this was only in 1955. Therefore this latter date should be chosen as the beginning of the statute of limitation, Mr. Abram stressed.

EHRENBURG IN TROUBLE

MOSCOW. — A Soviet literary critic was accused of glossing over the ideological nonconformity of the early novels of Ilya Ehrenburg, the most famous Russian-Jewish writer, now being republished here after having been banned more than 30 years.

Instead of annotating the new editions with party-line qualifications, the critic A. Ushakov was said to have relied heavily on Mr. Ehrenburg's own controversial memoirs for interpretive comments. The memoirs came under sharp criticism in 1962-63 until serial publication was stopped.

The memoirs were publicly criticized during a campaign initiated by former Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev against independent-minded intellectuals in the winter of 1962-63.

The sixth and final part of the memoirs, dealing with the period since Stalin's death in 1953, was scheduled for publication in 1964 but did not appear.

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DINNER MEETING

Members of Toronto Chapter 434, B'nai Brith Women, held a pleasant dinner meeting and social evening recently at the Northern Penthouse.

Mrs. [illegible] is president.

CRUISE WINNER

At the Caribbean Cruise Night which Clanton Park sponsored last Saturday evening in the synagogue Mr. F. W. Fletcher of Shannon Avenue won the prize: a Caribbean cruise for two aboard the S. S. Shalom.

Mr. Fletcher teaches Hebrew at Beth Emeth. Mrs. Fletcher is a Hebrew teacher at Associated.

Mrs. I. Feldman vice president of Sisterhood presided in the absence of Mrs. M. Lister, president.

LADY READING MEET

The Lady Reading Law Club met recently at the home of Mrs. M. Segal. Mr. S. Harris, Q.C. was guest speaker. His subject was: The Role of the Canadian Jewish Congress in Society.

OCTAGENARIAN TO BE HONORED

Mrs. Ida Lewis Siegel, founder of many communal institutions and leading worker for many causes, will be honored on her eighty-ninth birthday by Toronto's Bureau of Jewish Education at a reception on February 14th, 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Associated Hebrew Schools.

Friends are establishing a scholarship in her name as an expression of respect and admiration, and in appreciation of Mrs. Siegel's lifetime of constructive work for the welfare of children and youth in the community.

HADASSIM LUNCHEON

Hadassim, village in Israel for which Canadian Hadassah-Wizo raises funds, is the recipient of monies brought in by a gala luncheon held recently at the Royal York. Mrs. David Wise and Mrs. William Pape were chairmen. Mrs. Alan Small, president of Toronto Hadassah, presented Mrs. Wise with a plaque for her enduring contributions. The latter gave the invocation, stressing Hadassims 18th year, Chai. Sally Goldstein narrated for the spring fashion show presented.

LUNCHEON

A luncheon meeting of the Zion Chapter, Mizrachi Hapoel-Hamizrachi, was held recently at the home of Mrs. S. State. Mrs. L. Rosenfield presided.

Mrs. Glicksman, mother of Mrs. State, won the draw for the summer raffle.

Mrs. E. Balahan won a Venetian vase. Mrs. P. Soberman won the raffle donated by the hostess. A 'lucky' number was drawn by Mrs. Price, honorary member. Mrs. Staub was a guest.

HEALTH LECTURE

The Women's Auxiliary, New Mount Sinai Hospital, presented its second in a series of three health lectures in the auditorium of the hospital last Wednesday, February 3rd.

Dr. Louis Cole, internist, and Dr. Marvin Miller, psychiatrist, conducted a dialogue on: Help Your Husband To Live Longer.

Mrs. Henry B. Zachs, member of the health lecture series committee, chaired the meeting.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

At a recent executive meeting of the Clanton Park Sisterhood, which took place at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. N. Rabinovitch, the following ladies were present: Mesdames N. L. Rabinovitch; M. Lister; Y. Feldman; A. Fiedor; S. Hofstedter; I. Kipper; M. Kanner; M. Rosenfelder; D. Rubinstein; Y. Rubinstein; P. Schwartz; B. D. Zimmerman.

BOARD MEETING

A board meeting of the Beth Jacob Sisterhood was held recently at the home of Mrs. Jack Goldman. Present were Mesdames L. Waxman, J. Berlin, H. Goldman, J. Goldman, N. Schwartz, M. J. Burak, E. Angel, E. Grossman, L. Freedman, E. Klein, E. Bargman, W. Schwartz.

Mrs. H. Goldman, chairman of the board, presided. Discussion centred on a Melava Malka to be held at the synagogue on Saturday, February 20th. Mrs. W. Schwartz is chairman; Mrs. E. Bargman, co-chairman. Convenors are Mesdames M. Kates and E. Bargman.

Rabbi M. J. Burak is spiritual leader of Beth Jacob.

General meeting will be held on Monday, February 8th, at the synagogue. Mrs. M. Burak will comment on hats modelled.

NER ISRAEL WOMEN MET

The ladies auxiliary of the Ner Israel Yeshiva College of Toronto met recently at the home of Mrs. S. Hofstedter. Mrs. S. Goldstein presided and welcomed the guests. Mrs. B. Cooperman, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting held at the home of Mrs. B. Rubinoff, at which time Mrs. S. Gold gave a book review.

Frances Glucowsky, guest for Music Month, was introduced by her sister, Mrs. S. K. Weinberg. She spoke on the topic, Hasidic music.

Reports were read by: Mrs. J. Weinstock, life membership; Mrs. M. Perlman, brick sale chairman; Mrs. J. Reichman, tea convenor.

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ENOUGH! ENOUGH!

By Ruthie

Oh, for the days when having a good time was really simple! Any *simkha* (joyous event) was pure pleasure even though it meant hard work.

Preparing for a wedding, for instance, who ever thought of a consultant?

Consultant! Fancy, shmancy. She takes over completely. She tells Mama what color to wear, she has complete control of the bride and God forbid if anyone touches the bridal veil, she's on the receiving line, she's at the head table, she chooses the favors and decorations. Her job is endless; she's absolutely indispensable — in an affluent society.

And she's part of the package deal. Her services are rendered gratis. Anyway, *ahzoi dakht zikh* (that's what you think) — until Papa gets the final bill.

Of course it makes life easier. If you're having a *simkha*, after providing the guest list and paying for everything that crops up, you have almost nothing to do except sit back and enjoy — if you could just close your eyes and ears to what's going wrong along the way.

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But who wants that anyhow? The personal touch is completely missing. Also, today every affair is a copy of the last one, even though you practically break your neck trying to be distinct (which is impossible).

There is a format, and pity the poor guy who doesn't follow it.

Take the music. Everybody has a seven-piece orchestra. If you want a three-piece combo, someone may think you can't afford more. So to show he's wrong, you make it eight.

Tablecloths? How different can you be? A tablecloth you have to have. So maybe purple and orange is a good combination. At least that's a little different.

A *nosh* (snack) with the drinks? Well, outside of *nahit* (chick peas), chopped liver, wieners, chicken livers, chicken wings, *pitchah* (frozen feet) and whatnot, what else is there? Ah, yes, you can be different again. Try the Israeli favorite, *felafel*, or serve a *khoomus* dip. You're all for Israel, so you may as well show it.

The main course? There you have a field day from the fish, mushrooms and rice or sweetbreads, to the chicken or vegetable soup, to the meat or chicken with *kugel* or *kishka* on the side, to the *parve* ice cream, to mints and coffee.

Certainly the whole thing's delicious. But you know what's coming next all the time.

The point is, everything is so well arranged, so automatic. The only way you can differentiate is by the expense of the affair which, in turn, is determined by the reputation of the place and caterer.

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I can't forget how most people enjoy themselves in Israel.

Naturally preparations are made in advance for any occasion. But the net result is unaffected. Keeping up with the Joneses has not yet penetrated every corner. People have what they can afford and no one is apologetic. What's more, everybody has fun.

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One night, in Jerusalem, Ned and I took a constitutional. The sky was so beautiful, it seemed as though every star in the world was centered there. As we walked we heard Oriental music and laughter growing louder. Sure enough, we came across a backyard of an apartment house where lights and streamers were strung from one end of the building to the other. Picnic tables and benches encircled a bit of space for dancing.

We stopped to look. A perspiring, happy young Sephardi greeted us.

"Please come inside. Help celebrate my son's *bar mitzvah*".

We noticed a group of Dutch youths, about to leave. They were the same professional singers who had entertained the guests at our hotel earlier.

"Go on," one said. "If you refuse, they'll be insulted."

We were drawn inside the circle, introduced to the young boy who was having the time of his life, met the mother, grandmothers, grandfathers and the rest of the *mishpukha* (family), and drank lechayim (to life) — with orange juice for me.

Our host was so happy, he looked as if he'd jump out of his skin for joy.

Finally we took our leave.

"Why," I asked Ned, "didn't you give the boy something? A few coins, at least."

"Because," he answered, "they'd feel insulted. It was a spontaneous gesture. They really wanted us. And since we're strangers, they'd consider anything I'd offer as charity. They're a very proud people, and very sensitive."

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Unfortunately, though, the handwriting is on the wall. Already much of our superficial habits have seeped in. Those who can are having their affairs at swanky hotels.

Give them another decade and they'll imitate us down to the last simkha.

Is it good or bad? That's hard to say. But the heart of it all will be gone.

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DAMSKY, SOLOMON — On January 27th, late of 33 Barclay Road.

ECKLER, LENA — On January 30th, late of 32 Glencedar Road.

KEYFETZ, SAMUEL — On January 30th, late of 1 Benvenuto Place.

LEEDS, LEWIS — On January 25th, late of 242 Park Holme Avenue.

OSULKY, SAMUEL — On January 26th, late of 200 Glencedar Road.

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The annual election of officers and board of governors of Toronto's Jewish Public Library took place recently.

Mr. Shielley S. Jackson, chairman of the nominations committee, presented the slate of officers and members of the board proposed by the nominations committee, which was accepted unanimously.

Mr. Bert Godfrey, president of the library for many years, introduced Mr. Morley J. Pape, incoming president. Mr. Israel Frankel, executive director, reported on the library's development and services.

Professor Emil Fackenheim was guest speaker. His theme was: The Stubbornness of Israel. Mr. Louis L. Lockshin thanked Prof. Fackenheim on behalf of those assembled Mrs. Benson Orenstein served as secretary.

The 1964-65 slate of officers is as follows: Bert Godfrey, immediate past president; Morley J. Pape, president; Louis L. Lockshin, first vice president; Messrs. Meyer Feldman, David Green, Shelley S. Jackson, vice presidents; Ralph Shiff, treasurer;; Mrs. Benson Orenstein, secretary.

The board of directors is composed of: Harry Abella; Jack Adler; Ike Airst; Harold Alter; Jacob Bailin; Kalmen Berger; Leonard Barkin; Stephen Berger; Alexander Brown; Rabbi Dr. M. J. Burak; Rabbi Dr. L. J. Cashdan; Jeffrey Cohen; Mrs. Percy Dolgoff; Moe Emer; Meyer Feldman, executive; Dr. Henry Fenigstein; John D. Fienberg; Mrs. Bert Fine; Nathan Garnick; Meyer W. Gasner; Dr. Reva Gerstein; Bert Godfrey, executive; Mel Goodman; David Green, executive; Lipa Green; David Griff; Hon. Allan A. Grossman; Miss Helen Grossman, Q.C.; Julius Hayman; Mrs. Sheldon Hildebrand; Ben Zion Hyman; Shelley S. Jackson, executive; Sam Kelner; Joseph Kerbel; Dr. Marvin Kopel; Murray L. Levin; Mark A. Levy; Mrs. Mark A. Levy; Lazar Lifschitz; Aubey Lipson; Jack Lipson; Louis L. Lockshin, executive; Ruven Madesker; Julius Marcus; Rabbi Dr. David Monson; Leon Moss; Nick Munk; David Nightingale; J. Irving Delbaum; Mannie Okrent; Mrs. Benson Orenstein, executive; Morley J. Pape, executive; Henry Papernick, Q.C.; Saul Parnes; Mrs. Miriam Reinhartz; Albert Roe-Pape, executive; Henry Papernick, Q.C.; Saul Parnes; Mrs. Miriam Reinhartz; Albert Roebuck; Samuel J. Sable; Rabbi Erwin Schild; Ralph Shiff, executive; Phineas Schwartz; Saul Sigler; Herb Solway; Harry Steiner; Cantor Nathan Stolnitz; Syd Sugarman; Philip Torno; Ben Weinberg, Q.C.; Julius Weiner; Marvin Wenner; Dr. A. G. Volpe; Mrs. A.G. Volpe; Mrs. Walter Zwig.

Women's Organizations

PLAY

At the donor dinner on Tuesday, February 16th, Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood will present a play, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. It is written by Cynthia Gasner and highlights Shaarei Tefillah's 13th anniversary. Cast includes: Jean Bellack; Laura Cohen; Lil Cornfield; Draisa Frischman; Faigie Plonka; Henry Rubenstein; Evelyn Sugar; Esther Van De Sluis; Faye Weisbrod; Gert Zeldin. Choreographer is Bess Millstone; producer, Irene Klein. Production assistants are Sally Berman, Louise Geller, Rose Goldstein, Fran Pollishuke, Ethel Silver, Goldie Wolfe; Assistant director, Phyllis Sugar; Lighting Clair Rotenberg.

EXECUTIVE MEET

● An executive meeting of Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood was held last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. M. Pack. Mrs. B. Raskin was co-hostess; Mrs. J. Handler presided.

Discussion centered on the coming donor dinner.

● Hostesses for the coming Sisterhood Shabbat are: Mrs. Kate Devor; Fanny Pack; Fran Pollishuke; Helen Reichman; Min Tishler.

● Sisterhood Study Group meets with the Rabbi every Wednesday morning at the synagogue.

NEW MEMBERS

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood held a flower ceremony for new members at the synagogue on Monday, January 18th. It was conducted by Mrs. Jack Oberman, membership chairman of National Women's League, Ontario Branch, assisted by Mesdames William Weinstein and Jack Koreen, chairmen of new members for Sisterhood. Mrs. George Foxman, president, presented a gift to each member.

Mark Okrent, treasurer of USY, assisted at the piano.

The following are new members: K. Adler; D. Brown; I. Cooperman; B. Dobbs; D. Fields; P. Gluckstein; B. Gnat; A. Goldman; S. Goodman; N. Grosbein; S. Hennick; M. Inwentash; E. Isenberg; E. Kaminsky; C. Kaminsky; J. Kichler; N. Kenarek; R. Krieser; A. Levine; H. Lerman; F. Levson; B. Moskowitz; P. Pach; F. Perkell; E. Morrison; I. Millstein; L. Rabinovitch; B. Rosen; M. Rosen; R. Rotman; B. Sinukoff; P. Silverberg; H. Swartz; H. Tokarz; M. Weinberg; R. Wolfe; S. Zarnett; R. Zuck.

MORE MEMBERS

New members of Adath Israel Sisterhood are Mesdames Ben Burke, Philip Gross, Donald Rosenberg, Morris J. Sinukoff, Ralph Sinukoff, Arnold Fogle, Norman Stein, David Weinstein, Marvin M. Meilach, Gerald Kushner, Samuel Shapiro, Jerry Farb, Jack Lewis Freeman, Stanley Isenberg, Max Tobias, Samuel Cohen, David Feldman, Shael Sone, Philip Starkman, Berne Chilin, Stanley Glazer, Howard Cohen, Morden B. Niren, Cary Wolgelerenter, Allan Cohen, Stanley Caplin, Earl Smith, Edward Pollock, Theodore Cohen, Morris Kornbloom, Samuel Haimes, Morris Goldberg, Ruben Kamen, Michael Marmer, Sydney Davis, Murray Jacobs, Gordon Stulberg, Dave Friedman, Marvin Silver, Jack Grossman, Dennis Colt.

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HUMAN RELATIONS

Parent as Chaperone

DR. ROSE N. FRANZBLAU

QUESTION: We have three boys, 3½, 12½ and 15. The two oldest boys attend a fine private school and are good students. The 12½-year-old asked for and was granted permission to have a dance-party at home. I made it clear that the lights must be kept on all evening.

There were nine boys and nine girls at the party. Incidentally, some mothers called my wife to make sure the party would be properly chaperoned.

When I entered the room where they were dancing, after about half an hour, I found the lights out. I reminded my son that the lights must be on. An hour later, when I went back, the lights were out again. I again warned him that I would not tolerate this. When I returned a little later, the lights were out not only in the foyer but in the living and dining rooms. I then told the young people that the lights must stay on.

After the guests left, I took my son to task for disobeying my orders. He said that at a party he attended a week before the lights were off all evening and the parents stayed away.

I don't think I am old-fashioned. Proper standards of living should start by example, at home.

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ANSWER: Parents who take a stand and let their children and their friends know in no uncertain terms what is required of them do not run into trouble.

In early adolescence, boys and girls are very self-conscious about their appearance and their behavior. They feel they are all thumbs and, if seen in bright light, all their awkwardness, self-consciousness and insecurity would show up clearly. With the lights out, they feel a little more protected.

Nevertheless, it is true that some youngsters want the lights out so that they can experiment with some kinds of bodily contact with the opposite sex. This may mean only dancing very close to each ohter, but some may go a bit too far.

For the offenders, this behavior actually increases their guilt. They want to keep their behavior in the dark, too, because they know it isn't good for them or right for the girl. A guilty youngster becomes hostile, and then more rebellious and misbehaving.

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Still, to ask your 12-year-old youngster to enforce your rule and keep his peers in order was asking for too much, too soon. He could tell his friends that you wanted the lights on, but when they turned them off again and again he may have felt powerless, To become their chaperone might mean rejection by his peers and an end to the party he was hosting.

When you found the lights out the very first time, that was the time when in a quiet and friendly way, but very firmly nevertheless, you should have said that you wanted the lights on. coming directly from a parent, it would be more respected than when it came from the host their own age.

Parties for youngsters this age (and even older) should, of course, be chaperoned. This does not mean hovering over them all the time. But even 15 and 16-year-olds need to know that a parent is there and cares enough to see to it that all goes well. When some youngsters misbehave, the party is spoiled for everyone else.

Admit to your son that you put him on the spot by expecting him not only to issue but also to execute your orders. When a parent admits that he may have been wrong, it gives the youngster the strength to do right, and likewise to admit it when he makes a mistake.

Paisley About North York

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM READY

Speaking at the St. Gabriels Church candidates meeting, Deputy-Reeve Irv Paisley has announced a five-year redevelopment program as the second plank in his election platform, which he now hopes can be enforced in the near future. The urgent need for commuter parking was the basis of his earlier talks.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Paisley said, "With the completion of our sanitary sewer installation program throughout the township, I feel that the time is now most opportune to take a long, hard look at the older areas. Everyone on Council has been well aware during the past years that more should have been done in the way of updating of services. That is, doing away with unsightly and unsanitary open ditches, improving the antiquated street lighting system. Now with the creation of a board of control, adequate time and attention can be devoted to upgrading the services inthe older areas.'

Mr. Paisley pointed out that the present system of requiring the full cost ofthese services, being borne bythe abutting residents, should be re-evaluated in the light of North York's improved tax-assessment base. In his opinion, the cost of maintenance associated with the upkeep of open ditches far outweigh the initial cost of providing a form of subsidization for those improvements from the township's general tax levy.

"I shall propose that the township subsidize out of the general tax levy some portion of the cost for any of the older areas that request updating of these services. Eliminating open ditches would clean up the streets and stop the frost from undermining the roadways; in addition, it would eliminate the need of weed-cutting and make the streets safer for children by widening them for vehicular traffic. Adequate lighting also should be installed for, in the winter, it is very difficult for motorists to notice pedestrians at the side of the roads.

"If the program is spread over a five-year period, much can be done to assist citizens in improving older areas to the point where pride of ownership of a well kept home will be reflected with pride in the general area."

"The student with a vocational background is in a strong position to accept such changes," is the statement made by Saul Cowan, chairman of the North York Board of Education, in announcing the spotlight on vocational education presented by the Board.

Along with technical, business or commercial courses, the student in the vocational education program has the opportunity to benefit from a broad liberal education. In a world dominated by advanced technology, the graduates of vocational education courses are well equipped to adapt themselves to the changing needs of society.

The spotlight on vocational education, to be presented on Thursday, February 11th,by the Board of Education for the Township of North York, will show how secondary school students are prepared educationally for the modern employment opportunities. The demonstrations and displays will take place at four North York secondary schools: Bathurst Heights; Downsview; Earl Haig; Victoria Park. Program is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This is one of a series prepared under the leadership of the Academic Liaison Committee of the Board .Chairman is Trustee Peter Tacon, vice chairman of the Board. Members are Mrs. Mary Mahon, Bruce Sabsay and Dr. Kechin Wang.

CANADIANS TO TAKE PART IN JEWISH LEGION WORLD CONFERENCE

TEL AVIV (JCNS) — Veterans of the Jewish Legion living in Israel, together with others who will come from abroad, will attend the celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Zion Mule Corps in the First World War, which will take place at Avihail, in Israel, on May 20.

The Zion Mule Corps was formed by Jewish refugees driven out of Palestine after Turkey entered in the war in 1915. Under the command of the late Col. E. S. Patterson, who later assumed command of the first battalion of the Judeans, the more than 700 men of the Corps participated in the Gallipoli campaign, braving the fire of the Turkish batteries when bringing ammunition and other supplies to the front-line trenches. A few of them were later mentioned in dispatches.

After the evacuation of the peninsula by the British French and Anzac troops, the Zion Mule Corps was disbanded, but 120 men were sent to England to form the nucleus of the 38th (Jewish) Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers.

Many of the recruits were enlisted in Alexandria, Egypt, after answering a call by Joseph Trumpeldor and Ze'ev Jabotinsky. Some now live in Israel, but others are in France, Australia, Canada & United States, and hope to make the journey to attend the celebrations.

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